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Obama's being inaugurated, it's Martin Luther King Day and Beyonce's singing the anthem. Black folk are having the best Monday EVER.
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Love that the Obama girls sat down and immediately pulled out cellphones. #justlikeus #inaug2013 @CARRIEDRUMMOND

Karl Rove in his basement, enacting a Romney inauguration with life-sized cardboard figures.
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I really appreciate the fact that this year's inauguration is reaching out to the gay community @SHAYMUSALWAN

- President Barack Obama kicks off second term with a call for collective action
- Uses inauguration speech to outline the battles he intends to fight
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'WE MUST ACT'

- Plus Beyonce, Kelly Clarkson ensured that the festivities on the Washington Mall started on a high note {page 11}

Love that today's inauguration was about all Americans, present and future. #createdequal
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Writing is on the wall for Manayunk bike race

Organizers cancel the 29th annual race after the loss of a lead sponsor ◗ Officials also blame the high cost of city's municipal services ◗ Some still hopeful that the iconic event can be saved

Organizers of the Philadelphia International Cycling Championship, which has wound its way through the city for the past 28 years, have cancelled this year's race.

Following the loss of lead sponsor TD Bank, organizers Pro Cycling Tour cited a need for reorganization and said they expect to bring the event back in 2014.

"The race is more than just about cycling," creator David Chauner said. "It reflects the spirit and passion of our region through all that have been involved and we are very excited that this adjustment in the calendar will make it even bigger than ... before and sustainable for years to come."

But officials with the Manayunk Development Corporation, which represents the neighborhood most closely associated with the race, also blamed the city after Mayor Michael Nutter in 2008 began holding event organizers responsible for the increased cost of municipal services.

"The last few years, the cost of city services — logistics, barriers, EMTs, everything it takes to put on a bike race — has exploded to the hundreds of thousands of dollars," said MDC director Jane Lipton, who said the amount has more than tripled in the past four to five years.

She hopes public and private stakeholders will unite and save the race.

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RICARD LARMA/METRO

▶ The hardest part of the race is known as The Manayunk Wall, in which cyclists must pedal up a steep incline.

Sliver of hope?

U.S. Rep. Bob Brady yesterday scheduled a meeting this Friday with event organizers, MDC stakeholders and city officials in an attempt to broker a deal that will save the race.

- "The Congressman has a well-earned reputation as someone who can bring all sides together and find a resolution," Lipton said.
- "I do believe that there are companies in this city that could step up ... and form a partnership with the race and ... the city to get this done."
- "We're hopeful that the 2013 bike race can be saved."

"Every day, somebody is riding a bicycle up that wall. I don't care if it's snowing – someone is pitting themselves against that wall. That, to me, is enough to demonstrate the importance of the event."

LIPTON, ON SAVING THE 2013 RACE

▶ Cooper

Race 'helped put Manayunk on the map'

MDC Board Chairman and owner of Jake and Cooper's Wine Bar Bruce Cooper said the cancellation is more than an economic blow to business owners. "My bigger concern is the city losing an international event and how you come back. Coming back after losing an event — even for a year — isn't easy."

Cooper recalled that the race "helped put Manayunk on the map a long time ago."

"It's an energy that's lost more than money," Cooper said.

"I remember coming down 20-some years ago and there were 10 people on one corner watching the race. Now you can have 1,000 people on this corner alone."

COOPER

In the news

Burned body found

SOUTHWEST CENTER CITY. Police are investigating a grisly discovery made yesterday afternoon inside a home on the 1700 block of Naudain Street. Investigators said a woman's burned body was found around 12:30 p.m. in the home's basement. She was pronounced dead on the scene. There is not yet word on a cause of death, but police have labeled the incident "suspicious." METRO

In the news

Man shot, killed in Kingsessing

SOUTHWEST PHILADELPHIA. Police are investigating the death of a 22-year-old man, who was fatally shot in the head yesterday inside a Kingsessing home on the 900 block of Conestoga Street. The victim was found lying in the dining room shortly after 5:15 a.m. Police believe the victim had an argument with an unknown black male. They want to speak with that man, or with anyone knowing anything about the slaying. METRO

Nominations open for state's most endangered artifacts

When you think of endangered lists, rare books, textiles and manuscripts probably aren't the first things that come to mind. But these are exactly the kinds of items that The Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts is seeking with its new program, Pennsylvania's Top 10 Endangered Artifacts.

The project, which is part of the Save Pennsylvania's Past initiative, seeks to identify and save the state's most significant historic items in need of conservation. Libraries, museums, historic sites and archives are invited to submit nominations, which will be evaluated by an independent review panel. The Top 10 finalists will be featured on a micro-fundraising site and promoted through social media and marketing campaigns.

"This initiative is a wonderful opportunity for ... organizations to engage with the public on the ... issues of collections care and the need to preserve Pennsylvania's heritage," said Ingrid E. Bogel, the Center's executive director. "With ... the community's support, we will ensure that artifacts vital to preserving the state's history remain accessible."

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How to submit

Nominations are open through April 15 at patop10artifacts.org. Each artifact must be:

- Historically significant
- Demonstrably in need of conservation
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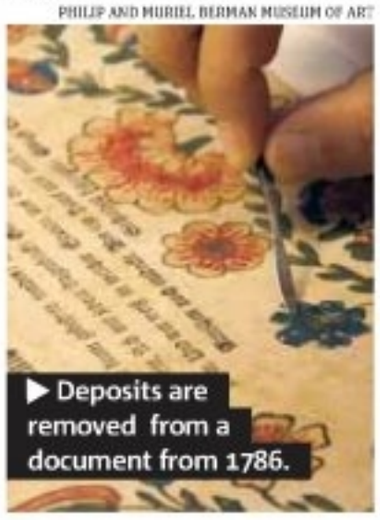

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Holiday. MLK Day

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Honoring MLK with service

PHILADELPHIA. In recognition of activist Martin Luther King Jr., 6-year-old Sarit Lewis, pictured above, yesterday participated in the Greater Philadelphia Day of Service with her mother Marla and father Charles. The family visited the National Constitution Center to stuff and sew pillows for local nonprofit Women Against Abuse, which provides emergency shelter, transitional housing and legal, behavioral and educational services to victims of domestic violence. METRO/AW

Restaurant Week a boon for both diners and businesses

FARMERS' CABINET

▶ On the restaurant week menu: The Farmers' Cabinet.

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Amount in sales generated by September's Restaurant Week was about $13.5 million, according to the Center City District

CENTER CITY. Restaurants participating in the Center City District's Restaurant Week this past September saw more than 240,000 diners, according to the Center City District.

And the deal is equally beneficial for diners, who have the opportunity to try out new spots without breaking the bank. The event features 127 restaurants that are offering three-course dinners for $35 per person. Some of them are also serving up three-course, $20 lunches.

Restaurant Week is running now through Jan. 25 and Jan. 27 through Feb. 1. A select number of establishments have also extended their special menus to Saturday, Jan. 26.

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News in brief

NJ collector buys rare movie poster for $1.2M

NEW JERSEY. Film memorabilia collector Ralph DeLuca made what he called the score of a lifetime, acquiring for $1.2 million a lot of nine movie posters that featured a 1927 German three-sheet advertising the Fritz Lang sci-fi classic "Metropolis." "For a poster I really want, I'll pay serious cash," DeLuca said. "I always put my money where my mouth is."

DeLuca on Dec. 13 outbid competitors at a U.S. Bankruptcy Court auction in Los Angeles. The Metropolis advertisement is one of only four known posters of its kind. "Eventually, if I get the right price, I'll sell it," DeLuca said of his haul. "When I do, it will be for a world-record price." METRO/AW

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Obama lays out battle plan at inauguration

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▶ President Barack Obama gives his inauguration address during the presidential inauguration on the West Front of the U.S. Capitol yesterday in Washington, D.C.

President Barack Obama urged Americans yesterday to reject political "absolutism" and partisan rancor, as he kicked off his second term with an impassioned call for collective action and established a more assertive tone for challenges he faces over the next four years.

Obama's ceremonial swearing-in at the U.S. Capitol was filled with traditional pomp and pageantry, but it was a scaled-back inauguration compared to the historic start of his presidency in 2009 when he swept into office on a mantle of hope and change as America's first black president

Despite expectations tempered by economic weakness and a divided Washington, Obama delivered a confident listing of his plans for the battles he intends to fight, including over climate change, immigration reform and gay rights.

"We cannot mistake absolutism for principle, or substitute spectacle for politics, or treat name-calling as reasoned debate," Obama said as he stood in the wintry cold atop a giant makeshift platform on the Capitol steps overlooking the National Mall. "We must act, knowing that today's victories will be only partial." **REUTERS**

▶ Revelers celebrate.

Tough battles in next term

The Democrat arrived at his second inauguration on solid footing, with his poll numbers up, Republicans on the defensive and his first-term record boasting accomplishments such as a U.S. healthcare overhaul, ending the war in Iraq and the killing of Osama bin Laden.

But fights are looming over budgets, gun control and immigration, with Republicans ready to oppose him at almost every turn.

Tweets

▶ *A passionate and inspiring speech by our president. Baracklooks like a new man :) Great inauguration!!.*
@PLASHFO

▶ *I really appreciate the fact that this year's inauguration is reaching out to the gay community.*
@SHAYMUSALWAN

▶ *A beautiful speech. An inspiring inauguration. Proud to have such an amazing President.*
@GREGGGOODBROD

▶ *I don't see the point in the inauguration... Like he's just staying president.*
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▶ *Love that today's inauguration was about all Americans, present and future.*
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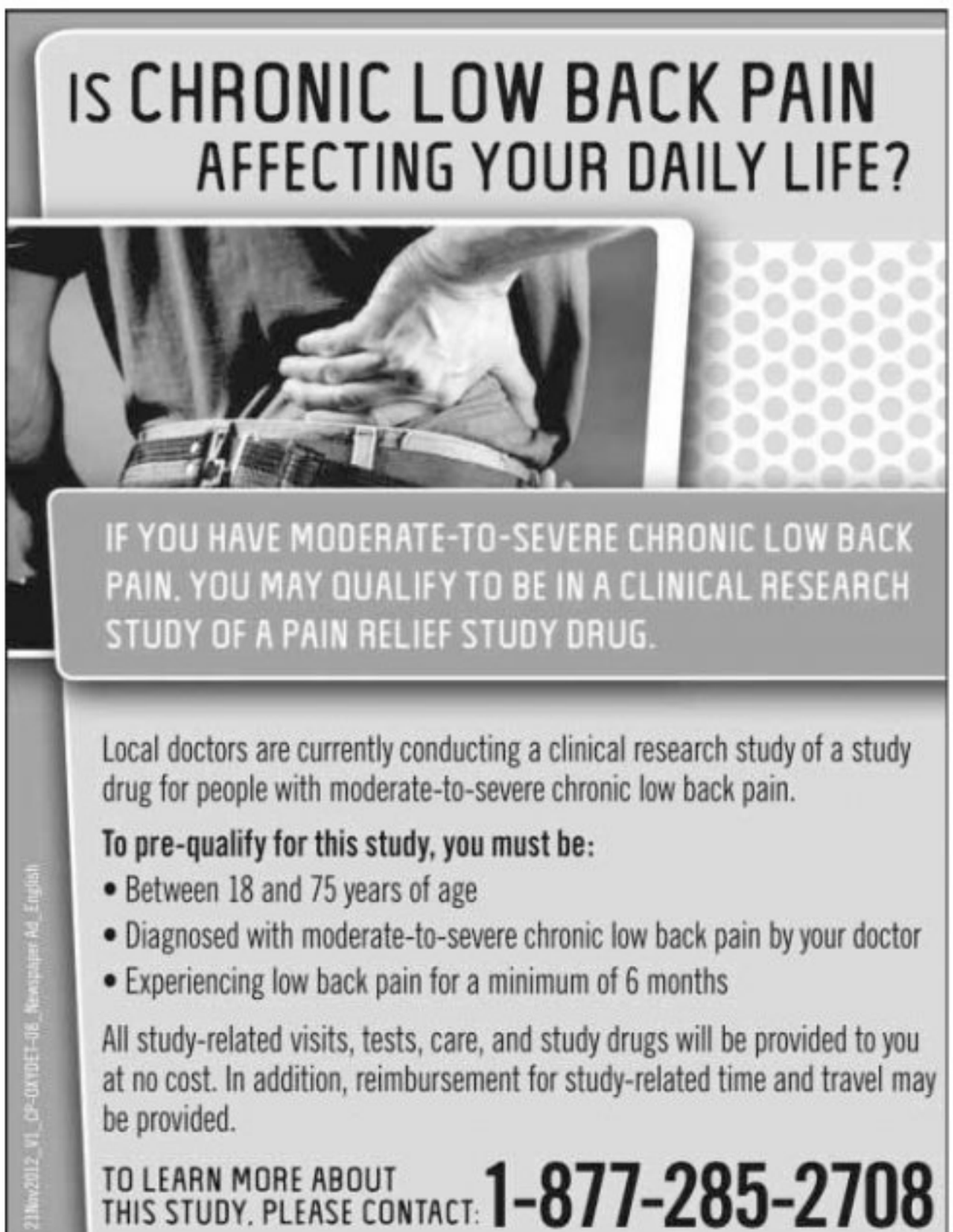
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Algeria: Canadian 'headed militants in siege on plant'

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▶ Sellal speaks during a press conference.

A total of 37 foreigners and an Algerian died at a desert gas plant and five are still missing after a four-day hostage-taking coordinated by a Canadian gunman, Algerian Prime Minister Abdelmalek Sellal said yesterday.

An Algerian security source had earlier told Reuters that documents found on the bodies of two militants had identified them as Canadians: "A Canadian was among the militants. He was coordinating the attack," Sellal said. That Canadian's name was given only as Chedad. Algerian officials have also named other militants in recent days. Veteran Islamist Mokhtar Belmokhtar claimed responsibility on behalf of al Qaeda. **REUTERS**

Still waiting on captives' IDs

With bodies burned beyond recognition, some details were still unclear or at odds with figures from other governments.

Of the 38 dead captives, out of a total workforce of some 800 at the In Amenas gas facility, seven were still unidentified but assumed to be foreigners, Algerian premier Sellal said. Citizens of nine countries died, among them seven Japanese, six Filipinos, two Romanians, an American, a Frenchman and four Britons.

News in brief

Netanyahu fends off right surge as Israel votes

Israelis vote today for the first time since revolutions convulsed their Arab neighbors, in an election expected to push the Jewish state even further to the right, away from peace with Palestinians and towards greater confrontation with Iran.

After a lackluster campaign, the election could be on course to give Israel the most hardline government in its history, deepening its international isolation and potentially putting strains on its relations with Washington.

Polls — though notoriously inaccurate in the past — predict right-wing Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to be reelected, but with a parliamentary majority forecast to shrink, in part because of the rise of a far-right group even more uncompromising than his own ultranationalist allies.

The election finds Israel largely focusing inward at a time when its region is changing faster than ever. **REUTERS**

News in brief

"You are a complete and utter fraud. You come on like a bombastic, ill-tempered monster. It's not the side I see of you. I see a man who has a tremendous artistic eye."

MICHAEL CAINE ONCE SAID, ABOUT WINNER

Director Michael Winner dies

Flamboyant British film director Michael Winner, best known for the "Death Wish" series of the 1970s and 80s, died at his London home yesterday. He was 77. Winner, who reinvented himself in recent years as an outspoken restaurant critic in the Sunday Times, had been ill for some time. Winner's movie career spanned some 40 years and more than 30 feature films, including the successful "Death Wish" series. **REUTERS**

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In the news

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▶ Prince Harry

Prince Harry says he killed insurgents during tour

LONDON. Britain's Prince Harry says he killed Afghan insurgents during sorties against the Taliban while on his second tour of duty in Afghanistan where he was a gunner in Apache attack helicopters.

Queen Elizabeth's 28-year-old grandson, third in line to the British throne, will return home later this week after a 20-week posting with NATO forces at the Camp Bastion military base in the southern province of Helmand. **REUTERS**

Gunmen seize fuel tanker with 16 crew off of the Ivory Coast

ABIDJAN. Gunmen seized a Nigerian-owned, Panama-flagged tanker with 16 Nigerian crew off Ivory Coast's port of Abidjan as it prepared to unload more than 5,500 tons of fuel, port officials said yesterday.

Attacks on shipping are increasing in the Gulf of Guinea — second only to the waters around Somalia for piracy. But the ITRI incident was only the second of its kind in Ivorian waters.

The tanker, named the ITRI and owned by Lagos-based Brila Energy, was commandeered on Thursday, Abidjan's port authority said in a statement.

Serge Constant of Koda Maritime, an Ivorian firm that was managing its stopover in Ivory Coast, said there has been no contact with it since. **REUTERS**

House Republicans seek vote to extend debt limit to May 19

Republican leaders in the House of Representatives have scheduled a vote tomorrow on a nearly four-month extension of U.S. borrowing capacity, but the bill does not specify a dollar amount.

Legislative language released by the House Rules Committee yesterday said the bill aims "to ensure complete and timely payment of the obligations of the United States Government until May 19, 2013."

The legislation is a strategic move by House Republicans to avoid a fight over the looming federal debt ceiling and shift their negotiating leverage for spending cuts to other fiscal deadlines. The U.S. Treasury expects to exhaust all remaining power to borrow money under the $16.4 trillion debt limit sometime between mid-February or early March.

The strategy shift, agreed last week by House Republicans at a retreat in Williamsburg, Va., aims to draw the Democratic-controlled Senate into taking action to cut deficits by requiring the Senate to pass a budget resolution by April 15. The Senate has not passed a budget in nearly four years.

Under the legislation, if either the Senate or House fail to meet the April 15 budget deadline, lawmakers' salaries would be held in escrow until their chamber passes a budget.

House Speaker John Boehner had referred to this provision as a "no budget, no pay" requirement.

But in order to avoid any constitutional violations, the withheld salaries would be released at the end of the current Congress in January 2015. **REUTERS**

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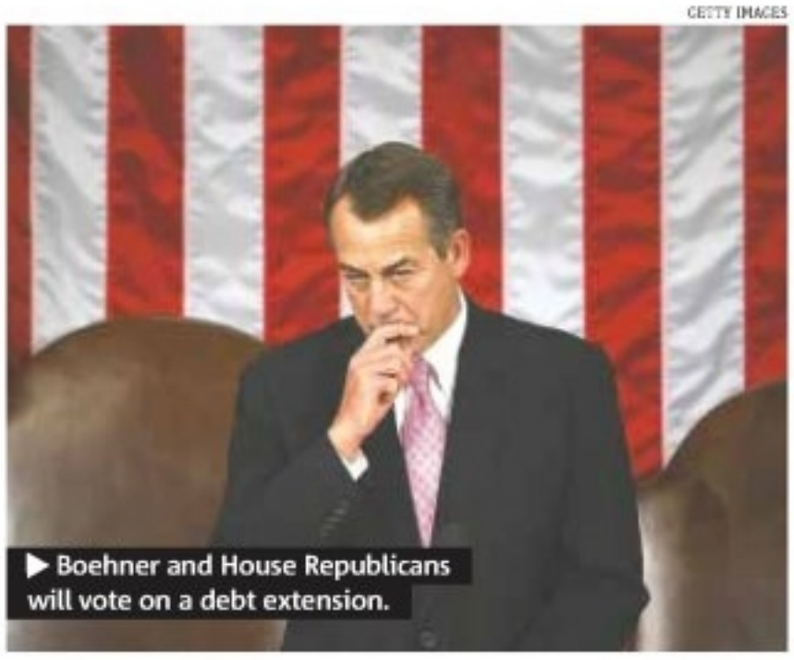

▶ Boehner and House Republicans will vote on a debt extension.

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The U.S. Treasury expects to exhaust all remaining power to borrow money under the $16.4 trillion debt limit sometime between mid-February or early March.

Extend limits

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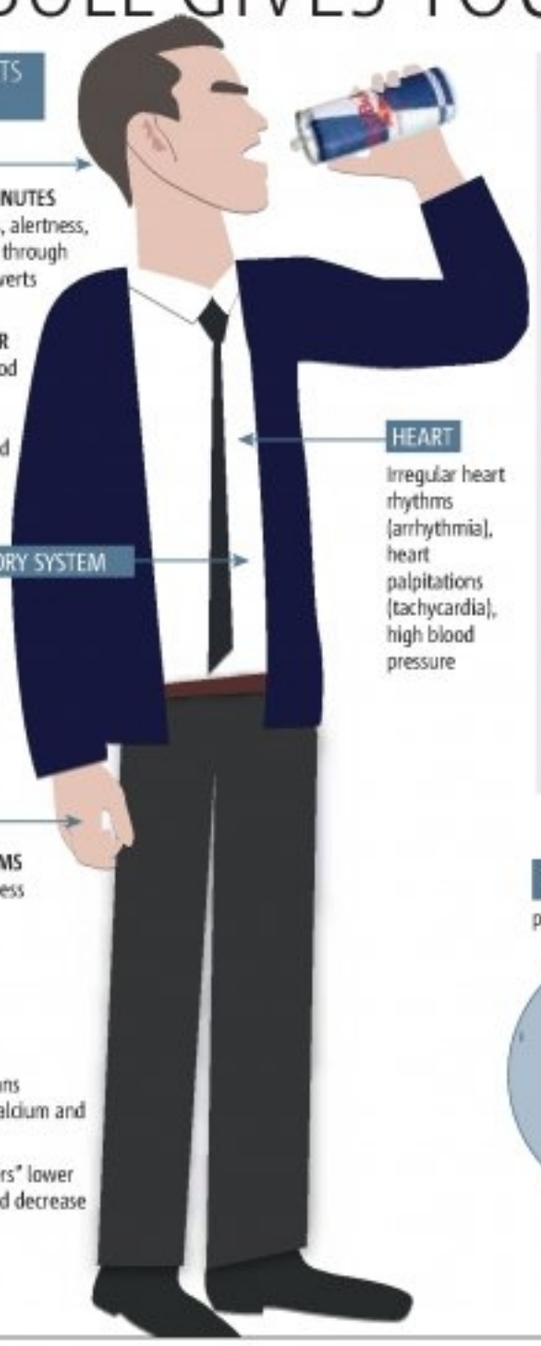

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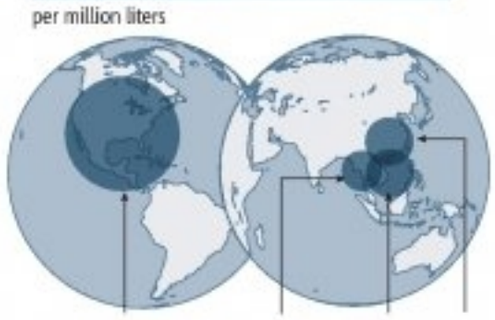

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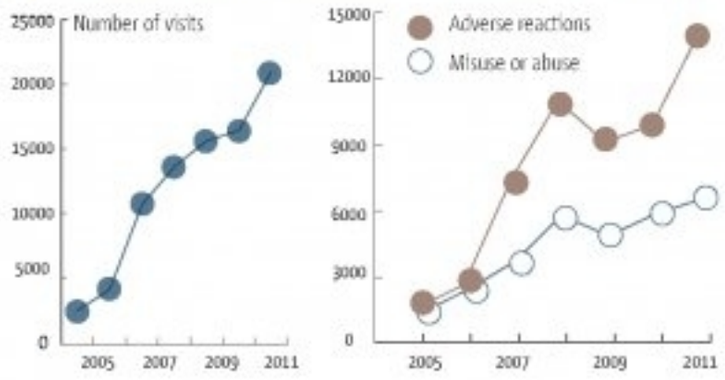

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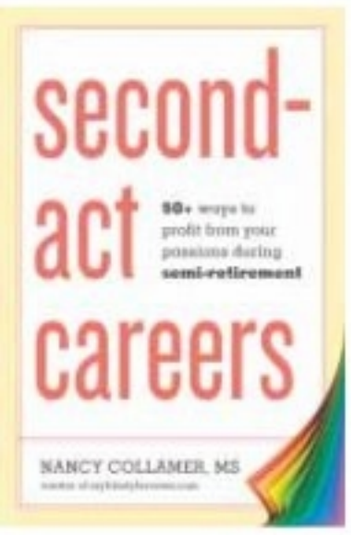

Profit from your passions after retiring

After decades working in human resources, Nancy Collamer launched her second career as an advice columnist in the mid-1990s. Her 2001 self-published book, "The Layoff Survival Guide," has become an e-book hit, increasing her audience by leaps and bounds. Her latest book, "Second-Act Careers: 50+ Ways to Profit From Your Passions During Semi-Retirement," plumbs the depths of an issue close to her heart.

Your approach to retirement seems much more practical than many other post-career books.
I see a gap in most people's thinking on this subject. There's a lot of discussion about how to go live your dream and buy a vineyard or something. That's wonderful, but that is geared toward people who don't have to worry about money. On the other side, we tend to point people who need money in retirement toward a job at a movie theater or Wal-Mart. My feeling is that most people are somewhere between those two options.

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Q&A

Is it the economy that's causing this shift retirement attitudes, or do boomers see retirement differently than previous generations?

It's hard to separate the two. I think we need to put retirement into a historical perspective. The retirement that my parents aspired to was working until 65, getting a pension and playing golf. That was the ideal. But in reality, that only existed for a short time in this country. Before that, people worked much longer. Now, we're working longer again and most of us are living longer than previous generations. So, even if you are lucky enough to retire at 60, you might be in good shape for another 20 years. What are you going to do with that time?

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Money talk

Top tips for applying for financial aid

Think you don't qualify for financial aid? Apply anyway. It's free, and you might be pleasantly surprised. Craig Fennell, director of Student Financial Services at Temple University, and David Glezerman, the school's assistant vice president and bursar, offer their top financial aid tips:

1 Both new and continuing college students should start working on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid as soon as possible. It's available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

2 Both students and, if necessary, parents, need to have their own federal PIN numbers. Get them at the Department of Education PIN website.

3 Be thorough. Read the FAFSA instructions carefully. Never leave required questions blank, because it will delay processing.

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▶ Keep this guy as full as possible.

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Don't pay for a service to do it. If you need help, contact your school's financial services office or use the online FAFSA publication at **studentaid.ed.gov/completefafsa**

4 File on or before the March 1 deadline to get the best chance of receiving all the financial aid for which you are eligible.

5 Keep copies of each document you sign, including tax forms, in a folder or binder for easy access later if needed.

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Dorothy Robinson's take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

▶ Jay-Z and Beyonce Knowles made a dramatic entrance at President Barack Obama's second inauguration.

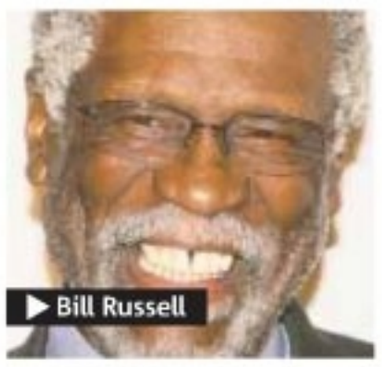
Kelly Clarkson and Brandon Blackstock

John Meyer and Katy Perry

▶ Eva Longoria

Celebrities rock Inauguration Day

Yesterday was a big day for **President Barack Obama** as well as the celebrities in attendance for the 57th inauguration. **Kelly Clarkson** (who came with new fiance **Brandon Blackstock**) performed "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" while **Beyonce Knowles** (in an Emilio Pucci gown) cranked out the national anthem — and even got hugs from President Obama and **first lady Michelle Obama** afterward. Looking on from the audience were **Katy Perry** and boyfriend **John Mayer** as well as **Eva Longoria** in a beautiful pink trench coat. And in an awesome snafu, Boston Celtics great **Bill Russell** was misidentified as **Morgan Freeman** by ABC announcer **George Stephanopoulos**.



▶ Bill Russell

At the official inaugural balls, bold-faced names like **Alicia Keys**, **Usher**, **John Legend**, the cast of **"Glee," Brad Paisley**, **Nick Cannon**, **Jamie Foxx**, **Jennifer Hudson**, **Marc Anthony** and **Chris Cornell** are expected to appear.

One celeb who had a less-than-fun inauguration experience? **Lupe Fiasco**, who was asked to leave the stage at a pre-inauguration concert in Washington, D.C. "Lupe Fiasco performed at this private event, and as you may have read, he left the stage earlier than we had planned," concert organizers said in an e-mail to reporters. "But Lupe Fiasco was not 'kicked off stage' for an 'anti-Obama rant.' We are staunch supporters of free speech, and free political speech. This was not about his opinions. Instead, after a bizarrely repetitive, jarring performance that left the crowd vocally dissatisfied, organizers decided to move on to the next act."

Talking points

Swift is tired of the joking, people

Taylor Swift's patchy romantic history has helped her pen a number of hit songs, but it's also made the subject of more than a few punch lines, and the 23-year-old singer has had enough, according to Radar Online. "At first Taylor just thought it was funny how much interest people had in her love life, and she went along with it," a source close to the singer says. "But now she's the butt of jokes on 'Saturday Night Live,' in the tabloids and on the late night shows. She laughed it off, but the jokes made about her at the Golden Globes got under her skin." But Swift also may be taking all the criticism and turning it into something positive, using this as a chance to turn her love life around. "The jokes being made about her love life embarrass her, but it's finally hit home with Taylor," the source says. "She really wants to make an effort to slow down and not jump from boyfriend to boyfriend. The negative press has really opened her eyes and will be good for her."

Gomez uses music to help heal

Selena Gomez is using music to help work through her emotions following her split from **Justin Bieber** — just not her own music. The actress and singer treated the crowd at a recent UNICEF charity concert in New York to tunes of heartbreak by **Justin Timberlake** and **Taylor Swift**. Before launching into Timberlake's "Cry Me a River," Gomez told the crowd, "I've been through a lot the past few months. It's been weird and sad and cool. This song definitely speaks to me." She later played Swift's "I Knew You Were Trouble."

▶ Gomez

Leo DiCaprio needs a vacation

Leonardo DiCaprio has gone from filming "Django Unchained" to "The Great Gatsby" and straight into "The Wolf of Wall Street," and the schedule has taken its toll. "I'm a little bit drained," DiCaprio tells German newspaper Bild. "I am now going to take a long, long break." So what will DiCaprio be doing if he's not acting for a bit? "I would like to improve the world a bit," he says. "I will fly around the world doing good for the environment."

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Celebrities react about the inauguration. Chris Harrison knows his priorities, Olivia Wilde has some Inauguration Day tips, Alicia Keys felt the power and Neil Patrick Harris is inspired.

@ChrisHarrison: Once we take care of that inauguration for the leader of the free world thing it's all about the #Bachelor

@Oliviawilde: I sincerely hope it was Mimosa Monday at the WH today. I would be sh*tting myself anyway, but still, a bubbly beta blocker is in order.

@AliciaKeys: What a powerful day!! May we all take these powerful strides and continue moving forward!! Blessings!!

@ActuallyNPH: A brilliant speech today by @BarackObama. Inspiring stuff. I'm very proud to be an American.

Keys

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The lovely ladies of Sundance

1 **Alia Shawkat** attended the premiere of her new romantic comedy "May in the Summer" on Thursday.

2 **Nicole Kidman** graced the premiere for her new film "Stoker" on Sunday.

3 **Lake Bell** attended the premiere for the film she directed,"In a World," on Sunday.

4 **Keri Russell** attended the "Austenland" premiere on Friday.

5 **Julie Delpy** attended the "Before Midnight" premiere on Sunday.

6 **Naomi Watts** showed up for the "Two Mothers" premiere on Friday.

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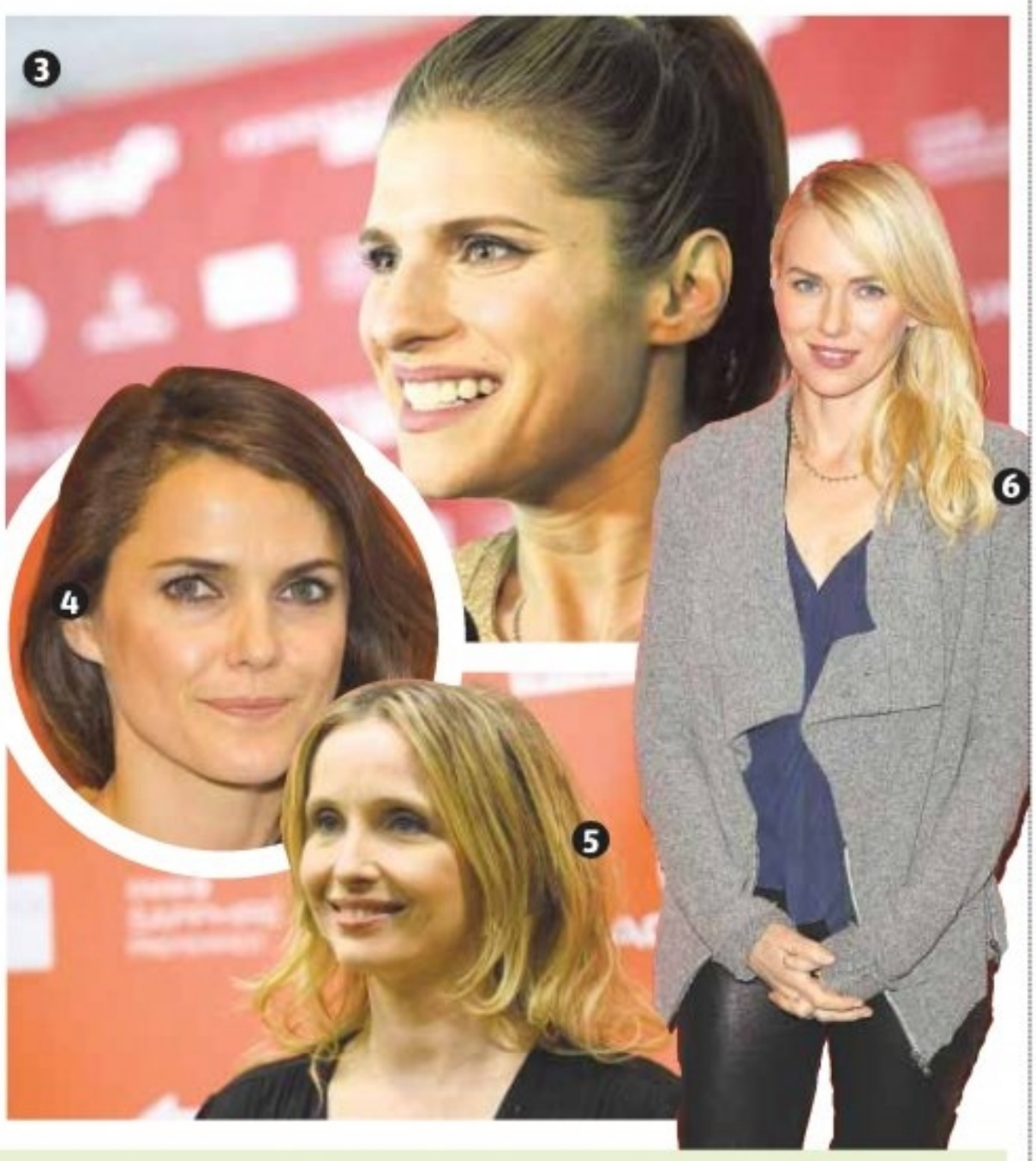

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HE'S BACK

Arnold Schwarzenegger returns to the movies full time with 'The Last Stand'

Look out: A new 'Conan' film is in the making

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Arnold Schwarzenegger likes to beat people to a joke. "First of all, it's great to be back," he says with a grin before anyone gets a chance to adapt his famous catchphrase to his return to movies after an extended stint running the state of California. And he is back, he insists, starring in "The Last Stand" as a small-town sheriff going up against an army of mercenaries. "As you remember, when I got into the governorship in 2003, I said I only would go and run the state for the seven years that were remaining, then I would be back in the movie business," he says. "So it was just kind of stepping out of the movie business rather than [what] I'm now [doing, which is] going back to the movie business."

During that time, though, movies have changed. It's a harsh lesson for Schwarzenegger, once considered a "contract genius" in his heyday for the deals he brokered for films like "Eraser" and "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines," regardless of their success or failure. "It's kind of like a scary thing to come back, because you don't know if you're accepted or not," he admits. "I have to also be realistic that I may see something that I may like to do, and I will go and take it to [producer] Lorenzo [di Bonaventura] and he will say, 'Oh, this is fantastic, but I don't think anyone is going to see it.' It's show business. It's the show, it's the acting, it's the performing, it's all of this, but you've got to be able to sell it because movies cost a lot of money."

Quoted

"It's kind of like a scary thing to come back, because you don't know if you're accepted or not."

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

In "The Last Stand," Schwarzenegger, now 65, is also hoping to get out in front of any wave of jokes about his age. "You don't want to dwell on it, but I just throw it in and it takes the curse off them," he says of jokes made at the expense of his advancing years. "You can make fun of yourself."

But the world's most famous action star can still be candid about the pains of getting older, remarking that is "sucks" to age. "I'm no different than you, we all go through the same dramas. We look in the mirror and say, 'What happened?' I once had muscles and slowly they are deteriorating," he says. "I feel good right now, but I've had my share of injuries. I think that when you lift as many tons of weights as I have, inevitably there's wear and tear and you have injuries. I've had a lot of surgeries and a lot of things that needed to be fixed on the body, but the medical technology is really advanced. I'm sitting here today and can do anything."

Franchise updates

Part of Arnold Schwarzenegger's strategy for his return to Hollywood has been to dust off the franchises that made him a star, like "Conan the Barbarian" and the "Terminator" series. But getting these projects going has proved tricky.

"A lot of it is timing, and I think that I would've chosen to do 'Conan' already if it had been ready, but the Universal studio just bought the rights to 'Conan,' they have an executive over there that happens to be a big believer in bringing back that character," he explains. "That will be ready by sometime this year, and the same is also true with 'Triplets,' a sequel to 'Twins.' I have been trying to get Universal Studios to do that for 10 years, and the studio executives that were there up until recently did not see the value, but now the new leadership sees the value and says, 'This is a brilliant idea, why haven't they done it? We want to do that.' And so they hired the writers and they are full-blast ahead. That's a movie that we will be doing."

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Impressing a 'jaded palate'

Anthony Bourdain heats up another cooking competition as a judge on 'The Taste' Home cooks and professional chefs go up against each other 'I became the biggest wuss,' he admits

No stranger to television, celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain takes on judging full-time alongside Nigella Lawson, Ludo Lefebvre and Brian Malarkey for "The Taste," which pits home cooks against professional chefs in a contest where every dish is sampled blind in a single bite. To get the conversation started about this latest entry in the cooking competition genre, we sat down to lunch with Bourdain for a meal of dishes inspired by the judges' recipes, including Bourdain's coq au vin — which was fine but not outstanding, though Bourdain didn't prepare it himself, so we can't really judge him on it.

Q&A

With all the shows you're already involved with, why take on this one as well?

I think because it seemed like such an uncharacteristic and foolhardy thing. I travel with a crew of four people [for "No Reservations"] — more or less the same four people for the last 10 years. I never knew any other way of making television, so to go from that into this gigantic set that looks like the end of a Bond film — you know, inside the volcano — with a giant crew, a big network thing, to say it was a challenge would be an understatement.

How did the home cooks measure up?

The people that did well were aggressive with their seasoning. They were looking to make an impression and they were very forward with their flavors. We were fooled all the time with that. "Oh, this is a professional." No, it turned out. We were four very jaded palates, and I think that the cooks who figured that out were the ones who did well.

Did the challenges take into account both types of contestants?

The challenges were all designed beforehand, and there were a couple that were geared more toward home cooks. A comfort food challenge is obviously in a zone where a home cook is just as likely to be good at it as a professional.

What did you think of the team you coached?

I love my team. I would stand there that first day and think, "I don't want any of them to ever go home. I don't think I could bear it if any of them ever go home." It's horrible. I hated it. I became the biggest wuss immediately. That was the biggest surprise to me, that I ended up giving a s—. Like, a lot — like, in a really big way.

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▶ Anthony Bourdain serves as judge on the new culinary competition "The Taste," premiering tonight at 8 on ABC.

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'Parenthood'

DRAMA. Sarah finally chooses whether the curmudgeonly photographer Hank or sweet teacher Mark will officially be her main man. Please let the other down gently, because we're going to have a hard time seeing one of these guys leave the picture entirely.
Season finale, 10 p.m., NBC

'Wild Things with Dominic Monaghan'

REALITY. Dominic Monaghan gets "lost" in the wilderness for this new travel-adventure series, which finds the actor exploring remote regions of the world and the amazing animals found there.
Series premiere, 10 p.m., BBC America

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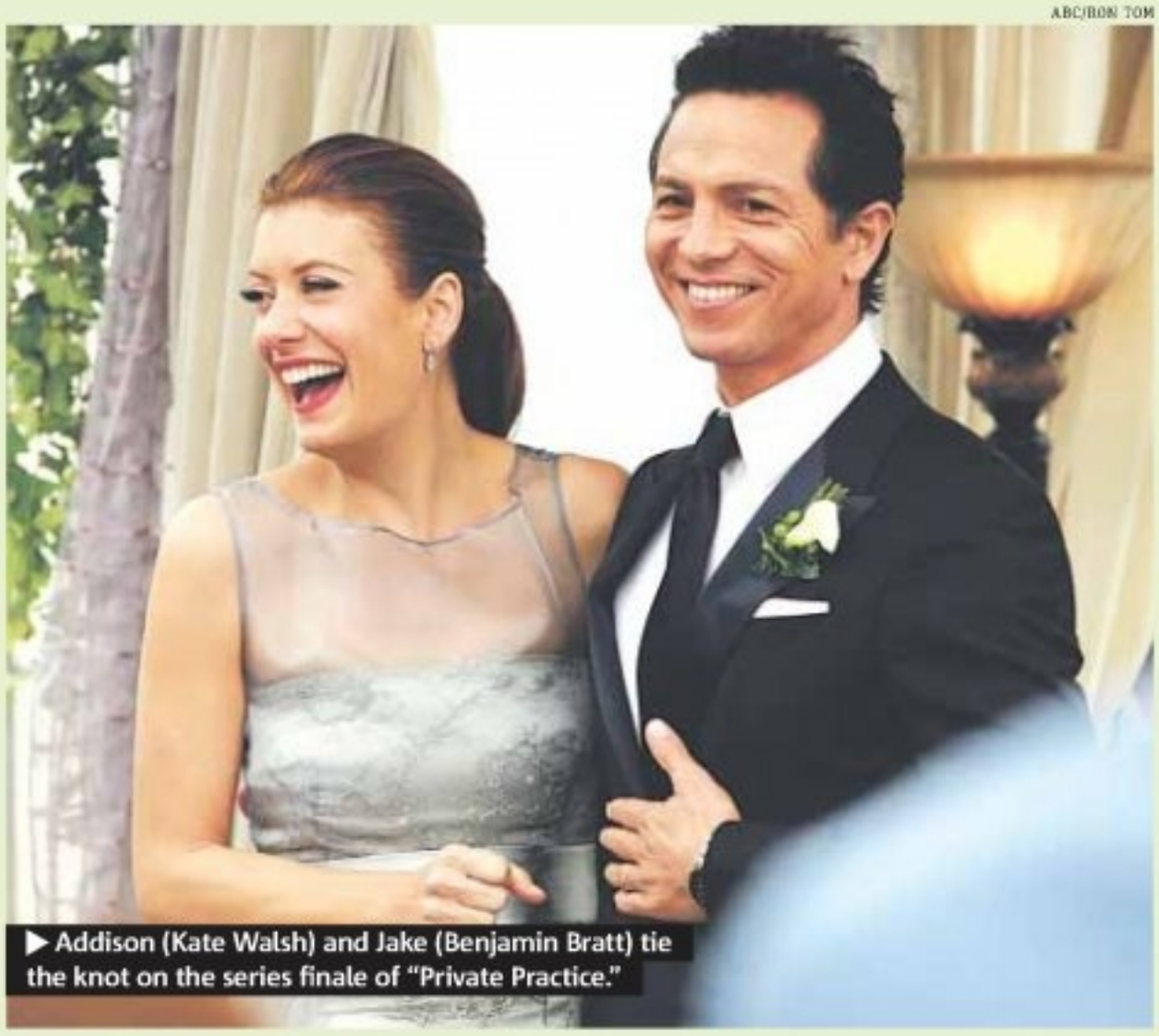

▶ Addison (Kate Walsh) and Jake (Benjamin Bratt) tie the knot on the series finale of "Private Practice."

'Private Practice'

DRAMA. In true "Private Practice" form, Addison's trip down the aisle to her happily ever after with Jake isn't going to be without its hurdles in tonight's series finale.
Series finale, 10 p.m., ABC

'White Collar'

DRAMA. Neil infiltrates a counterfeit whiskey ring. We're guessing he had no shortage of volunteers to help uncover the imposter.
Winter premiere, 10 p.m., USA

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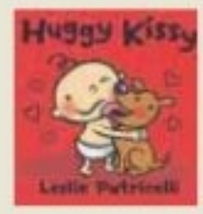

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'The Black Rabbit'

Philippa Leathers

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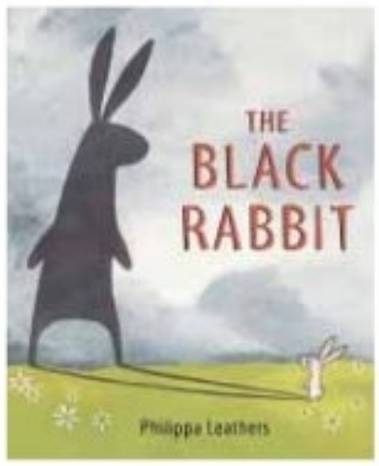

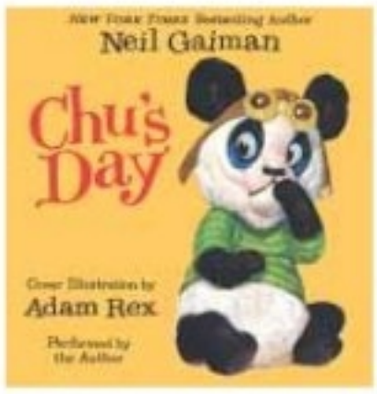

'Chu's Day'

Neil Gaiman

Few authors are as beloved as Neil Gaiman — and now he's aiming to have an entirely new generation fall in love with him with "Chu's Day." Coupled with Adam Rex's gorgeous illustrations, readers follow a little panda named Chu to see if he will unleash a giant sneeze or not.

'Grumpy Goat'

Brett Helquist

"Sunny Acres was the friendliest little farm in the country ... until one day that grumpy goat arrived," is how Helquist's latest begins. But one day, Grumpy Goat meets a new friend and his outlook changes. It's a touching, beautifully illustrated book about life and loss for little ones.

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Newborn screening misses some deaf kids, study says

- Parents shouldn't be falsely reassured if their child passed the newborn hearing test
- Research shows possibility of an incorrect diagnosis

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▶ Most newborns have their hearing tested before leaving the hospital.

New research provides further evidence that some babies who pass their newborn hearing tests are found to be deaf or hard of hearing as young children.

Some of those newborns may receive passing grades incorrectly, researchers said, but others can be born with good hearing but develop progressive hearing loss as babies and toddlers.

"A parent or a physician may think, 'Oh, this child passed the screen, so they must not have hearing loss,'" said Dr. David Chi, the study's lead author from the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in Pennsylvania.

"Don't depend on just the fact that [your child] passed the screen, especially if there are any concerns about hearing loss or speech," he told Reuters Health.

Quoted

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DR. DAVID CHI, UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH MEDICAL CENTER

Chi and his colleagues analyzed the medical records of 923 kids who came to their medical center with hearing loss between 2001 and 2011, and were between 4 and 5 years old, on average. Data showed that 78 of the children had passed their initial newborn screening.

Of those kids, 28 were brought in because of parents' concerns about their hearing and 25 had failed school hearing tests, according to the findings published Thursday in the Journal of American Medical Association.

There was no identifiable cause of hearing problems in more than half of the kids' medical records. The rest had deafness related to genetics, structural problems with their ears or complications from childhood such as infection.

It wasn't clear how long those kids had been hard of hearing before they were brought in and diagnosed. **REUTERS**

By the numbers

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Out of every 1,000 U.S. children are born deaf or with hearing problems, according to the National Institutes of Health, and more go on to become hard of hearing with the possibility of related hurdles to speech development.

Screen early

"We don't know what is the false negative rate [of newborn screening] versus the delayed onset rate,'" said Dr. Nancy Young, a pediatric otolaryngologist from Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago and the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

Having deafness spotted and treated early, such as with cochlear implants, is important for children's future language development, she noted. "We need to stay on the lookout, be vigilant and refer these children in," said Young, who wasn't involved in the new research.

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Horoscope

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** In an involvement with friends, don't depend upon any one person to get things organized. You should know: If you want something done, do it yourself.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** You're likely to be far more successful in your commercial affairs if you use an indirect approach. Don't be too obvious about your intentions and tip your hand prematurely.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If you feel you could do a better job of making arrangements for others than someone else, don't hesitate to ask to take over. That person might be pleased to get rid of the job.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** An important objective is reachable, but you might have to alter your tactics to achieve it. You won't mind being flexible to deal with shifting conditions.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Because you always do quite well with situations that challenge your imagination and creativity, you won't dodge assignments that appear complex or difficult to others.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Much to your surprise, you'll perform ably and even reap substantial benefits from an arrangement that you thought offered little or no possibilities whatsoever.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Teaming up with others could turn out to be a fortunate move for you, especially if your allies are as bold as you are. This isn't a day for shrinking violets.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** You are now in a cycle where you could receive a lot of deserving acknowledgement and rewards for past work. Push harder.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Instead of attempting to manipulate developments, let nature run its course. You're in a fortunate cycle, but Lady Luck needs lots of room and freedom to operate.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Remain both hopeful and expectant today, because just when you think an important matter can't be finalized to your satisfaction events will take a turn for the better.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Try once again to get in touch with certain people who you believe are important to your immediate plans. They are likely to be more receptive to your ideas than they were previously.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Be sure to manage your resources with extreme care, because your material trends look uncertain. Don't unrealistically raise your expectations.

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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1 Agree with
5 Language of Buddhist scriptures
9 Civvies
14 "Fargo" director
15 Terrible czar
16 Acrylic fabric
17 Lack of caring
19 Woodwinds
20 Life story
21 Slimy vegetable
22 Decorates a gift
23 Tightrope walker
25 Sigh loudly
26 Tex- — cuisine
27 Business deals
30 — B. DeMille
33 Sen. Helms
34 A vote in favor
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37 Come to an end
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50 Like a cactus
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Letters

Taking our guns the first step toward tyranny, feudalism

It CAN happen here. If you can't get the novel "It Can't Happen Here" by Sinclair Lewis at the library, look it up in Wikipedia on your computer for a summary, quickly, because IT IS HAPPENING HERE right now.

The main reason for the Second Amendment to our Constitution was for deterring a tyrannical government. Please don't give up any part of the Second Amendment.

It was put there by our forefathers to protect us from the scavengers of society who live off of us, which includes our own government, who will negate our Constitution piecemeal, leading us on the road back to serfdom. Anyone remember Prohibition? Don't let it go any further.

ALAN JACOBS VIA E-MAIL

Don't let NRA sell you on guns like it has our lawmakers

About the NRA — every time a shooting tragedy takes place, their solution is "more guns!" Newtown — 20 kids, six adults dead — happened, and the NRA advises more guns. Same thing for Gabby Giffords, a bunch of people at a movie in Aurora, and students in Columbine. One would think the NRA is in the business of selling guns.

Wait a minute — they are. In fact, it's a $12 billion a year business. They have what they want — there ARE more guns. Their solution doesn't work. The only way to fix the problem is at the ballot box. Politicians who get an "A" rating from the NRA need to get an "F" rating from the voters.

PAUL SIMONS, VIA E-MAIL

Quoted

"I don't see what all of the fuss is about Manti T'eo's imaginary girlfriend. He's a linebacker; he's not supposed to be too bright."

BRUCE A. BENNETT, VIA E-MAIL, RE: "THE MAN OF OUR DREAMS" (METRO, JAN. 18-20)

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WHERE TO GO THIS WINTER

As the temperatures start to drop, our minds wander to winter escapes
For us, that means hitting the slopes, the sand or the city

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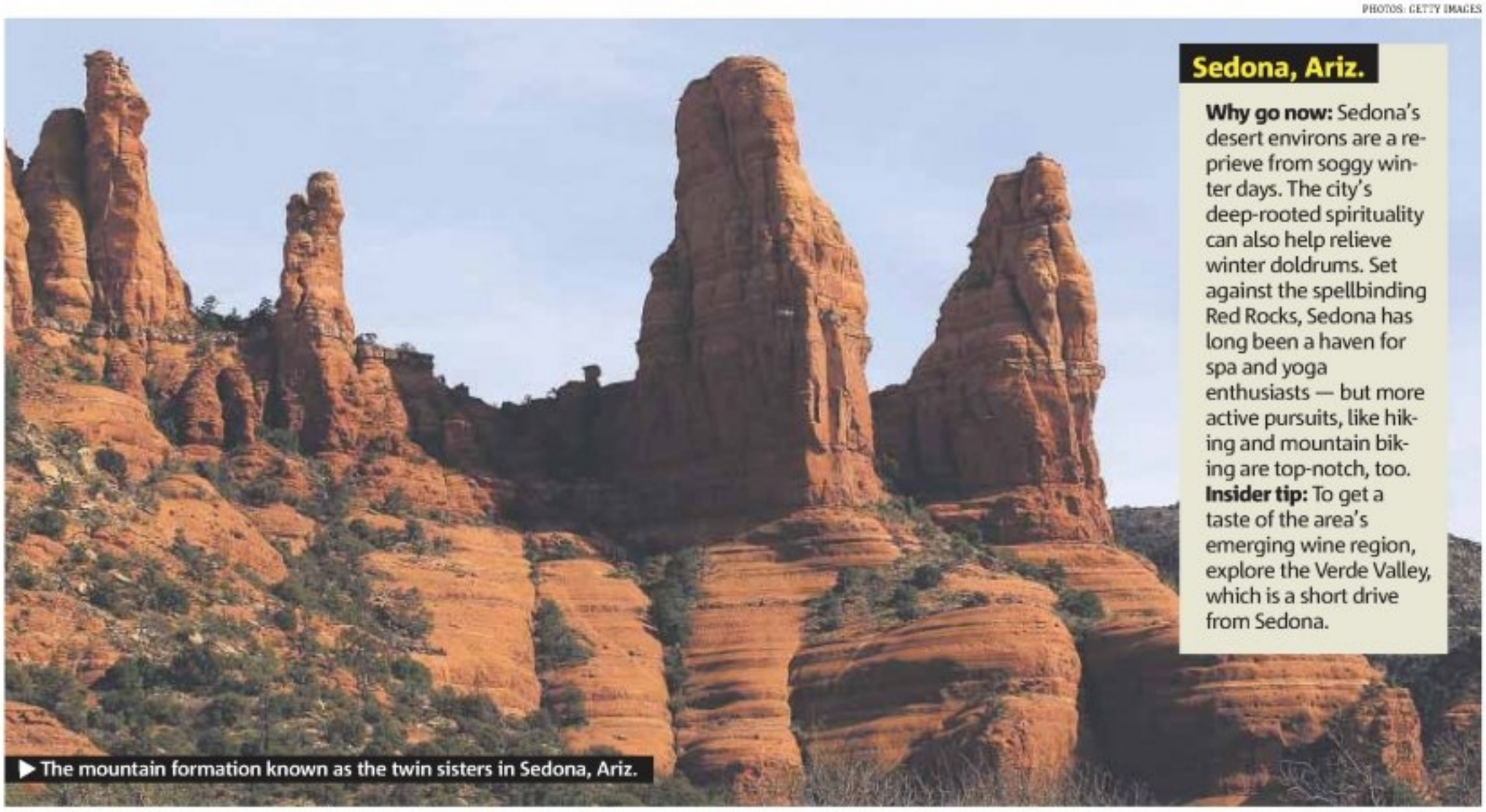

▶ The mountain formation known as the twin sisters in Sedona, Ariz.

Sedona, Ariz.

Why go now: Sedona's desert environs are a reprieve from soggy winter days. The city's deep-rooted spirituality can also help relieve winter doldrums. Set against the spellbinding Red Rocks, Sedona has long been a haven for spa and yoga enthusiasts — but more active pursuits, like hiking and mountain biking are top-notch, too.
Insider tip: To get a taste of the area's emerging wine region, explore the Verde Valley, which is a short drive from Sedona.

Puerto Rico

▶ The cobblestone streets of San Juan.

Why go now: For a convenient, close-to-home tropical sojourn, Puerto Rico fits the bill. Get your fix of old-world urban charm along the cobblestone streets of San Juan. The town of Rincon, on the northwest coast, is a hot spot for surfers. Between November and February, the most skilled of the bunch can ride big waves at beaches like Tres Palmas and Domes Beach. For a more isolated getaway, consider hopping to the island of Vieques, just southwest of San Juan, for dozens of deliciously secluded beaches.

Jackson Hole, Wyo.

Why go now: From enhancements to the slopes to a sizzling culinary scene and new nonstop air service, this charming town is experiencing a renaissance. A favorite destination for high-level skiers, Jackson Hole Mountain Resort has added a new high-speed quad to access beginner- and intermediate-friendly terrain. Apres-ski, choose from mainstay watering holes or a new wine bar before indulging in tasty cuisine from the area's enterprising chefs.
Insider tip: Check out the recently formed Mountain Collective, including Alta in Jackson Hole, Utah, Aspen and Snowmass in Colorado, as well as Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows in Lake Tahoe.

▶ Jackson Hole, Wyo.

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In the news

Varejao out for the season

Countless fantasy owners sighed yesterday as the Cavaliers announced that Anderson Varejao will be out for the rest of the season. Varejao was on the shelf with a leg injury, but after surgery Jan. 10 the team learned that a blood clot had developed in his lung. He'll resume basketball activities in three months.

Opinion

ANGELO CATALDI

THE VOICE OF THE PHILLY SPORTS FAN

KELLY IS A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

An NFL coach can answer questions with honesty and wit. He can treat fans with genuine respect. He can adjust his philosophy to the roster, and he can actually enjoy the process. Who knew?

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The Chip Kelly era has begun for the Eagles — and if the first week is any indication, football will be fun again in Philadelphia.

Kelly racked up as many style points in his first few days here as his prolific Oregon teams scored in his four years there. He isn't just a breath of fresh air; he is a cool, refreshing breeze after the stench of 2012.

If we needed any further proof that Andy Reid was gone, Kelly provided it the moment he sat down on the NovaCare Complex stage and offered real answers to important questions. Even in Reid's earliest days, he never exuded the confidence or energy that Kelly provides naturally. Reid was a paranoid bully. Kelly, for now, is a bundle of infectious enthusiasm.

Of course, this whole Chip Kelly phenomenon could develop into a spectacular disaster, especially if his unconventional approach to football strategy doesn't translate to the NFL. His unique offense might bog down against the best players in the world. His decisions to go for it on fourth down and to try two-point conversions might work well only against bad Pac-12 teams.

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▶ Kelly was a hero at Oregon.

But this experiment will be vastly different than the last couple of years with Andy Reid. Unlike Reid, Kelly talks fast, aggressively and with purpose. And he says things we want to hear, in a winning manner. He is smart enough to invoke the Eagles' heritage of Vince Papale, Dick Vermeil and Chuck Bednarik, the fans' relationship with Santa Claus and, yes, Wing Bowl.

First impressions are often wrong; fans embraced Rich Kotite in his first season. The impression Chip Kelly made in his initial week didn't feel like the first blush of a new relationship. It felt like a new era with a new hero.

– Angelo Cataldi is host of 94 WIP's Morning Show, airs weekdays 5:30-10 a.m.

More idle thoughts from Cataldi ...

1 **Jeff Lurie** actually said this about his 4-12 team: "Some of the real iconic names were telling our candidates that this was by far the best organization to come in and work for." OK, who's going to inform the Eagles owner he's totally delusional. Any volunteers?

2 Eagles defensive end **Trent Cole** is snubbing the Eastern Sports and Outdoor Show next week because the organizers are banning a display on assault weapons. An avid hunter, Cole feels strongly about gun rights. As an Eagles fan, I feel strongly about Cole. He should be released, for his poor play and his shocking insensitivity.

▶ Te'o

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3 **Manti T'eo**, the biggest man on Notre Dame's campus acquired a "girlfriend" on the Internet, then shared the story of her death just before the Heisman voting. Hmmm. He's either too dumb to succeed in the NFL, or he's a liar. Take your pick.

4 **Lance Armstrong** thinks a couple of hours with Oprah are going to make things right after years of cheating, lying and bullying? Uh, no. Nothing is going to fix his image.

Finding it hard to get Flyer'd up

Maybe it's me. Maybe hockey is just a game that I'm not wired to enjoy — at least not the same way I savor football, baseball and basketball. The long-delayed start of the NHL season finally arrived Saturday, and it was a day I am already trying to purge from my memory. Ugh.

For a change, the hype really captured my attention. Chairman Ed Snider offered his annual commitment to win a Stanley Cup, something he has failed to do for 37 consecutive seasons. More than 15,000 fans turned out for a practice (we're talking about practice) last Thursday night. The great Claude Giroux was named captain.

Then the Flyers raced onto the ice for the opening game, the crowd rose to cheer, and blat. It was 2-0 Pittsburgh moments later. The teams went 30 minutes with no goals. I fell asleep.

I'm happy for the most loyal sports fans in Philadelphia. They've got their Flyers back. As for me, well, I'll be getting a little more sleep.

Lurie ruins triumph with sour words

Jeff Lurie did something amazing last week. The Eagles owner took a moment of triumph — the signing of new coach Chip Kelly — and managed to stain it with his own petty bitterness. As a result, what had been a great week for Lurie and his organization degenerated into a puzzling one.

Lurie began the PR firestorm when he said the Eagles had "no competition" for Kelly before the Oregon coach decided to sign a five-year deal here. Clearly, Lurie was suggesting that his former partner, Browns CEO Joe Banner, provided no challenge to Lurie and his new BFF, GM Howie Roseman, in wooing Kelly.

Of course, Lurie couldn't stop there. He openly implied a report by Jason La Canfora of CBS that Roseman had become "drunk with power" and was sabotaging the Eagles' coaching hunt had been leaked by Banner himself. Lurie, who often snorts at unsubstantiated reports about his own team, offered no proof. What La Canfora reported was common knowledge.

Lurie acted foolishly and without class in launching his latest assault. Whether you like Banner or can't stand him — count me firmly in the latter group — Lurie became a billionaire because of his ex-friend's efforts. What the smug Eagles owner needs to do with some of his money is invest in a good GPS – so he can finally find the high road in this nasty feud.

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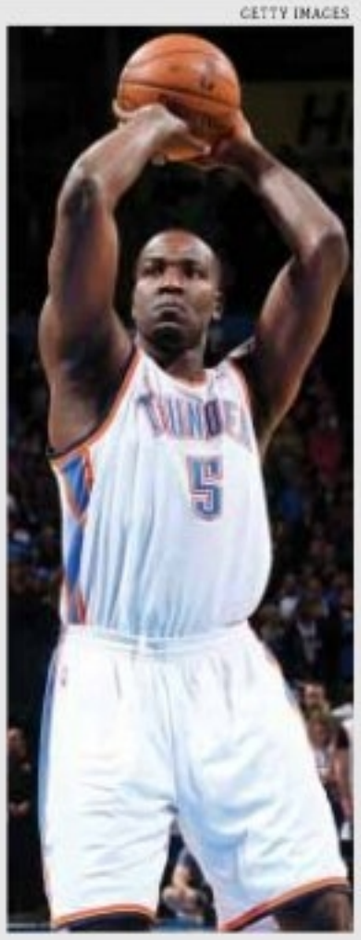

1 THUNDER (32-9)
Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook are two of the most electrifying teammates in the NBA. Anyone else surprised that they've gotten along so well on the court even with their different styles of play? It's a true testament to them seeing the bigger picture.

2 CLIPPERS (32-9)
The Clippers host OKC tonight in L.A., and you can bet that the winner of this game will take over that No. 1 spot. This is your Western Conference Finals preview.

3 SPURS (32-11)
No Manu Ginobili, no problem for the steady Spurs. The Spurs have beat the Grizzlies, Warriors and Hawks with Ginobili nursing a strained hammy.

4 HEAT (26-12)
The Heat haven't played since Thursday and don't play until Wednesday. Ray Allen makes his first trip back to Boston Sunday. Will he be booed or cheered?

5 GRIZZLIES (26-14)
Blowout losses to the Clippers and Spurs last week was a wake-up call for a Grizzlies team that still seems to be figuring out if they're contenders or pretenders.

6 NUGGETS (25-18)
Denver lost to the Thunder last Wednesday but then turned around and beat them in overtime on Sunday. That's the sign of a tough group.

7 NETS (24-16)
The Nets lost their first game of 2013 last week to the Hawks but got revenge on Friday. They're playing some of the best basketball in the NBA.

8 WARRIORS (24-15)
Golden State's January schedule has been rough and its results have been rougher. Losses to the Clippers, Grizzlies, Nuggets, Heat and Spurs have set them back a bit after that great start.

9 PACERS (26-16)
The Pacers rank first in rebounds and first in points allowed. They don't exactly win pretty, but they win. Also, Danny Granger will be returning to the court soon.

10 KNICKS (25-13)
New York has been playing .500 ball for a month now. A Thursday night matchup against the Celtics this week has us thinking about our favorite cereals.

11 BULLS (23-16)
If these rankings were based on confidence, the Bulls would be in the top 5. So what if they don't have Derrick Rose? They're winning games.

12 HAWKS (23-18)
A 3-8 stretch isn't going to do a whole lot for the 'Josh Smith is an All-Star' argument. Still, 16.5 ppg, 8.3 rpg, 1.3 spg and 2.2 bpg is hard to dismiss.

13 BUCKS (21-18)
Monta Ellis and Brandon Jennings are averaging virtually the same numbers this season: around 19 points and six assists. Not bad, but it's doubtful they'll get anywhere in the playoffs.

14 CELTICS (20-20)
Doc Rivers threatened to "get some guys out of here" if things don't change soon in Boston. But, really, what other NBA team wants any of these guys?

15 JAZZ (22-19)
The Jazz have taken advantage of both the Rockets and Blazers' skids and are now holding down the No. 7 spot in the West. They'll take that for sure.

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